

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

June 15, 2023

The Honorable Antony Blinken  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of State  
2201 C Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20520

Dear Secretary Blinken,

As you prepare for your trip to the People's Republic of China,<sup>1</sup> we are writing to once again request that you consider adding a stopover in Taiwan to your itinerary.

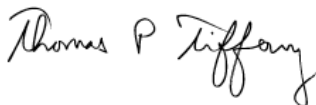
Such a visit would be consistent with the congressional intent of the Taiwan Travel Act (Public Law 115-135), which makes it the policy of the United States to encourage high-ranking U.S. executive branch officials to visit Taiwan and meet with their counterparts.

It would also present an opportunity for you to publicly address growing concerns about widely reported delays in the delivery of U.S. weapons systems to Taiwan,<sup>2</sup> some of which are related to transactions that were approved as long ago as 2019 – and which are critical to Taiwan's defensive capabilities.<sup>3</sup>

Finally, and perhaps most importantly, it would send a clear message that the United States does not need a permission slip from the Chinese Communist Party to meet with our friends and allies in Taiwan – or anywhere else.

Thank you in advance for your favorable consideration, and we look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



Tom Tiffany  
Member of Congress



Scott Perry  
Member of Congress

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.reuters.com/world/blinken-visit-china-talks-next-week-report-2023-06-09/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.washingtonpost.com/national-security/2023/02/22/taiwan-weapons-china-gallagher/>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.defensenews.com/pentagon/2022/04/14/pandemic-delays-spark-14-billion-backlog-of-us-defense-transfers-to-taiwan/>



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